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1. NAME: VEGA Perez, Manuel Eugenio, alias "MARCOB",
2. DOB: c. 1919, also reported as c. 1912.
3. POB: Havana, Havana, Cuba.
4. MARITAL STATUS: Single.
5. CITIZENSHIP: Cuban
6. PASSPORT DATA: Cuban Diplomatic Passport Number D/62/163, Diplomatic Visa Number 314, dated 21 March 1962, issued by the Mexican Embassy in Cuba.
7. ETHNIC ORIGIN: Cuban
8. OTHER NAMES USED: Subject has been known to use "MARCOB" as a pseudonym. Subject is called "Manolo" by close members of his family.
9. CURRENT POSITION (Non-Intelligence): Diplomatic Attache, Cuban Embassy, Mexico City, Mexico. Took over his duties officially on 3 April 1962.
10. CURRENT POSITION (Intelligence): Chief of Cuban Intelligence in Mexico as of April 1964.
11. RELATIVES:
 - a. Father: No record.
 - b. Mother: "Pan" PEREZ de Vega. The name of Subject's mother is not available. However, the Section has been able to gather some insight into this person by careful analysis of material pertinent to her son.
 - (1) Sra. PEREZ de Vega is apparently an old line Communist, judging from the comments made by her sons in correspondence. They referred to her rather proudly as the "old communist" who in spite of her sentimental ties to her sons and daughters submerged her personal feelings because she knew that they were contributing to the "cause," and therefore had to leave home.

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- c. Spouse: Subject is single.
- d. Children: Subject is not married.
- e. Others:

(1) Brother: Carlos ~~VEGA~~ Vega
Residence: Calle 11, Number 106
Entre "A" y Poeta,
Lawton, Havana, Cuba

Comment: This individual was named Administrator of a mine in Alto
Songo in Oriente Province, Cuba, in 1962.

(2) Sister: Dulcinea ~~VEGA~~ de Garrido
Residence: Avenida 41, Number 5609, Apartment 6
Marlboro, Havana, Cuba

Comment: This is based on LIGHT/LEAD information.

(3) Brother-in-law: Francisco ~~GARRIDO~~, same address as above.
Comment: Interpretation of LIGHT/LEAD information would seem
to indicate that this person is the husband of Dulcinea mentioned above.

(4) Nephew: Emigdio VEGA Calero

(5) Nephew: Armando ~~GARRIDO~~ Vega
Residence: Armas Number 1024, Apartment 2
Vibora, Havana, Cuba

Comment: Teenage nephew of Subject. He was beginning high school
in 1962. A great admirer of Subject.

(6) Niece: Zenaida "LNU"

Comment: Approximately 10 years old. She is in the fifth grade of
elementary school.

(7) Brother: Dilio VEGA Ponce

Comment: This individual is in Cuba. Possibly married to a woman
named "Julia." He seems to be an ardent revolutionary judging from
his comments regarding the Socialist Revolution of Cuba.

12. LANGUAGES: Spanish

13. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

- a. Apparent age: 45
- b. Height: Approximately 6'

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- c. **Build:** Heavy, sunken chest, sloping shoulders, quite heavy around the waist.
- d. **Hair:** Dark brown, wavy.
- e. **Eyes:** Light brown, heavy eyebrows.
- f. **Complexion:** Fair
- g. **Shape of face:** Round face, thin lips, has an oriental look.
- h. **General appearance:** Subject looks like a perambulatory duckpin. He walks slowly and bends slightly forward as he walks. This appearance is accentuated by his sloping shoulders and long, screwy neck. The forward tilt of the neck and his tight-lipped appearance give him the impression of elyness.

Dress: Sloppy dresser. Several sources have commented on his absolute lack of refinement in picking clothes. He never seems to be able to match his apparel (i. e., clashing colors - red, green, brown).

- i. **Outstanding features:** The most outstanding feature is his manner of walking, described above.

Identifying marks: Wide gap, readily noticeable, between upper front teeth on the right side.

14. PERSONALITY, CHARACTER, HABITS:

- a. **PERSONALITY:** Subject has been characterized by different sources as well as some of his associates as a typical, uneducated, uncouth bum. He is a sly individual, very suspicious by nature, a slow thinker, and not very intelligent.
- b. **CHARACTER:** Subject is a confirmed Communist, known to his associates in the Embassy as the "care of the Communist Party in the Embassy." He is reportedly quick to anger and doesn't hesitate to browbeat his subordinates. A few of the more colorful adjectives used to describe Subject are (a) uncouth, (b) lazy, (c) sloppy, (d) slow, and (e) colorless.

On the other hand, it is also known that Teresa FROENZA Freeman, 201-291531, and Cory SOLER ZANO (widow of) Ramirez, sister-in-law of General Lazaro CARDENAS del Rio, 201-59151, consider Subject to be one of the most able officers of the Embassy.

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c. **HABITS:** Subject reportedly has the annoying habit of never facing the person to whom he is talking; instead he will usually stare at the ground. He reportedly carries a gun at all times. One source described him as a "platalero type" who would not hesitate to make use of his firearm if provoked. The Station is not aware of any instances where he has pulled a gun on anyone since his arrival in Mexico. On 4 August 1962, Subject was disarmed at the Mexico City International Airport, by Mexican Federal Judicial Police. He protested vociferously but meekly surrendered his pistol.

15. **CURRICULUM VITAE:** Subject has been identified as a former instructor at the G-2 School in Cuba. Subject reportedly conducted firearms training and intelligence courses.

Subject reportedly received intelligence training in Prague, Czechoslovakia, sometime prior to 1963.

Subject was accredited to Mexico as a Diplomatic Attache, Cuban Embassy in Mexico City. He took over his duties formally on 3 April 1962, replacing Rogelio RODRIGUEZ Lopez, 201-332665.

Subject was also identified on 3 July 1962 as Press Attache of the Cuban Embassy in Mexico, and as Deputy Chief of G-2 for Mexico.

Subject has performed the following travel, outside of Mexico, during the two tours of duty which he has served in Mexico:

- < (1) Arrived Mexico City from Havana 2 April 1962.
- (2) Departed Mexico City for Havana 6 January 1963.
- (3) Arrived Mexico City from Havana 13 February 1963.
- (4) Departed Mexico City for Havana 13 April 1963.
- (5) Arrived Mexico City from Havana 21 April 1963.
- (6) Departed Mexico City for Havana 3 November 1963.
- (7) Arrived Mexico City from Havana, c. 16 April 1964, documented now as Third Secretary of Embassy, and Chief of Cuban G-2 in Mexico.

Subject resided at the Hotel Agnes, Saltillo, #67, Colonia Condana, Mexico, D. F., Mexico, when he first arrived in Mexico.

Subject now resides at the Cuban Embassy compound.

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16. **INTELLIGENCE AFFILIATION:** Subject is a member of Cuban Intelligence, and, to be more specific, he is in all probability a member of the Direccion General de Inteligencia (DGI), the foreign arm of CIG. It is perhaps significant that Subject gave the following address in Havana where he can be reached while he is in Cuba:

Instituto Cultural de Amistad con los Pueblos (ICAP)
17, Vedado, Habana, Cuba

Subject returned for what appears to be a second tour of duty in Mexico, documented now as a Third Secretary of the Embassy, and reportedly Chief of Cuban Intelligence for Mexico. His address in Cuba is listed as:

Calle 11, Number 306
Barrio "A" y Terraza
Lawton, Havana, Cuba
Telephone: 99-42-82

17. **INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITY:** It is difficult to dichotomize Subject's intelligence and non-intelligence activities, since he obviously utilizes his overt position as a Cuban diplomat to cover his clandestine activity. The narrative that follows describes the total extent of his "known" activity with indications of covert modus operandi where appropriate.

- a. Subject was reportedly in charge of Security in the Cuban Embassy in Mexico. The record reflects at least one case where Subject had one of his fellow employees under surveillance. (June 1962)
- b. Subject was administering locally the "trainee program" of Latin American youths going to Cuba. The record has confirmed cases where the Mexico City Office of Prensa Latina, and specifically Edmundo JARDON Arzate, 201-165987, steers the prospective trainees to Subject. Subject calls them to the Embassy where applications are filled out and these in turn are sent to Havana for vetting. The reply from Havana normally takes 15 days. (1963-64)
- c. The Station also has on record confirmed cases where the Guatemalan Communist, Victor Manuel GUTIERREZ, 201-68248, using the alias, Dr. ALVAREZ, in contacting Subject has participated in channeling of recruits, especially Central Americans, to VEGA. (1963-64)
- d. The activities described above merge nicely with Subject's overt activity of issuing country visas and taking care of persons invited to visit Cuba as part of the Cuban Government's friendship program. In the case of BEHUB/1, reported in detail in HABA-12363, 19 August 1963, Subject

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acted rather confused since he obviously found himself in unfamiliar ground - a departure from set procedures - when BEHUG/1 sought to go to Cuba without an invitation.

- e. In 1962, Subject was identified as one of the executive officers of the pro-Castro Mexican organization, Committee for the Defense of Cuba (Comite de Defensa Pro-Cuba).

18. CONTACTS:

a. CUBANS (non-officials):

- (1) ~~MUNOZ~~, David: Childhood friend of Subject. Lives at Lawton, Havana, Cuba.
- (2) ~~GUERRER~~, Lilliam: Resides at Avenue 30, Number 5405, el 54 y 56, La Habana, Cuba. This individual is probably a young lady either in high school or college. She is a member of the Cuban Communist Youth, and belongs to a cell at her school.
- (3) ~~PRAGA~~ Perez, Celso: A Cuban Foreign Ministry employee, who proposes to VEGA that they establish a barter system between themselves. The writer will send cigars, Cuban booze, et cetera, in return for VEGA getting some spare parts for the writer's old automobile.
- (4) ~~MARTINEZ~~, Julio: Cuban, who, on his return from the United States, wanted to talk to VEGA about his political plans, but wondered if the Cuban Embassy was under surveillance. VEGA assured him that it was all right to visit the Embassy and that no one would stop him.

b. CUBAN OFFICIALS (non-Embassy):

- (1) ~~GARCIA~~ Romero, Guillermo: Cubana de Aviacion employee in Mexico City. This person keeps Subject informed on the status of travel arrangements made for people invited to visit Cuba.
- (2) ~~ERRA~~ Robledo, Candida Clementina: 201-39787, Directora Nacional, Circulos Infantiles, Federacion de Mujeres Cubanas, whose business address in Cuba is Circulos Infantiles, Federacion de Mujeres Cubanas, "E" Number 309, Vedado, Habana, Cuba, telephone number 32-45-64. She is a very close personal friend of Subject. Does considerable amount of travel throughout Latin America spreading Castro's gospel.
- (3) ~~WARDON~~ Arzate, Edmundo: 201-162987, Prensa Latina Office, Mexico City. This individual is part of the channel used in Mexico City to steer

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"trainees" desiring to go to Cuba into contact with VEGA. The record is quite incomplete but he almost serves the role of a "spotter."

✓ (4) ^{FR} CARPENTIER Belmont, Alexander "Alejo": 201-344217, Director of the Cuban National Editorial; Vice President of the National Council of Culture; Vice President of the Cuban National Union of Writers and Professor of History of Culture in the School of History, University of Habana (DOI-1953). He is the Cuban representative to UNESCO. He makes it a point to get together with VEGA to discuss a "few things" whenever he is in town.

✓ (5) ^{FR} GARCIA Perez, Mariano: 201-334094, Cuban Consul in Merida, Yucatan. His address is listed as Calle 22, Number 203b, Merida, Yucatan. The implication is present in one conversation that GARCIA has some type of name checking facility through which VEGA runs his "trainees."

✓ (6) ^{FR} POSADA Torres, Jose Luis: 201-334245, Cuban Consul in Vera Cruz.

✓ (7) ^{FR} RAMIREZ, Angel "Tato": (201-), Cuban Courier. The record "implies" that this individual may be a courier entrusted with GOC sensitive correspondence.

✓ (8) ^{FR} ROJAS Mendoza, Jorge: 201-337059, Chief of Cubana de Aviacion in Mexico. This is the person with whom Subject deals directly in arranging passage (free) for persons going to Cuba as "guests."

✓ (9) ^{FR} ALFONSO, Carlos Luis: (201-), Cubana de Aviacion employee or official in Havana, Cuba.

✓ (10) ^{FR} MAZOLA Collazo, Giraldo: (201-), Director of Cuban Institute for People's Friendship (ICAP). Subject deals directly with this individual regarding the travel of "trainees" to Cuba, or official guests of state. MAZOLA has a private line which VEGA uses to communicate with him, and it does not go through the ICAP telephone switchboard. The number of this telephone is 32-35-21. In the absence of MAZOLA, Subject deals with one Humberto HERNANDEZ, who seems to be the chief of ICAP's Traffic Section. This section apparently regulates and controls travel of foreigners invited to visit Cuba.

✓ (11) ^{FR} GONZALEZ, Wilfredo: (201-), former Cuban Vice Consul in Tampico. Now assigned to Consulate, Mexico City.

c. MEXICANS:

✓ (1) ^{FR} SAENZ Cepeda Pedro: (201-), Mexican, a student leader and known agitator at the UNAM law school. He has been a Cuban Embassy

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contact, if not an agent, since 1960. Subject was 24 years old in 1960.

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- (2) ~~F~~ESPINO, Alfonso: (201-), a contact of the Cuban Embassy since 1962. He is also active in MLN activities. It was through this contact that VEGA and other Cuban Embassy officials were attempting to find out what Mexican regulations applied in order to get a permit to operate an SW radio in Merida. The extensible reason was to connect Cuban fishing vessels operating off the coast of Yucatan.
- (3) ~~F~~CARRILLO, (Dr.): Identifies himself as President of the Grupos Amigos de Cuba in San Luis Potosi. This person is probably identical with Dr. Jorge O. CARRILLO, who resides at Madero Number 378, San Luis Potosi, SLP, Mexico. He is on the Cuban Embassy mailing list as of December 1962. It is believed that he is the same person who in 1944 lived at Bolivar Number 7, Apartment 10, Mexico City. At that time, he was a member of the Association of Friends of the USSR, according to an Association membership list taken from the Communist Party of Mexico headquarters in 1944. In May 1964, this person was reportedly head of an MLN committee in Mexico.
- (4) ~~F~~ESCAMILLA Alcocer, Mercedes: Long time participant in pro-Castro activities. She had at one time a position in the Mexican magazine "IMPACTO." For some reason, possibly an open code arrangement, she identifies herself to Subject, when requesting a contact, as "Doctora." She may be identical with the female who frequently calls and says that she is "the doctor but that to Subject she is not the doctor."
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- (5) ~~F~~ESPEJEL Perez, Raul: (201-), Member of Relations Section of the Movimiento de Liberacion Nacional (MLN) and reportedly a FCM member. Subject is a very important contact of VEGA. ESPEJEL arranges Mexican delegations to Cuba, is continually asking if his "things" have arrived from Cuba, and asks for meetings to discuss things. Contacts cover the period early 1962 to the present.
- (6) ~~F~~GUTIERREZ Lopez, Alfonso (Ing.): 201-351942, Chief of the Cuban Petroleum Institute in Habana, Cuba, and a member of the Mexican Marxist party, Partido Popular Socialista.
- no 201
- (7) ~~F~~D'ANTON, Francisco: (201-), probably identical with Francisco DANTON Guerrero, Secretary General of the Student Council of Preparatory School Number 6, Mexico, D. F.
- (8) ~~F~~ORTIZ Pullido, Fnu: An employee of Zuniga Martinez y Compania, S. C., Agencia Aduanal, Paseo de la Reforma, 444, Second Floor, telephone numbers: 11-29-38; 11-29-60; 11-69-95. This firm was doing business with the Polish Embassy in 1959.

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(9) ~~F~~CASA LECHUGA: Believed to be identical with company owned by Rafael LECHUGA Ruiz, located at Cordoba 78, Mexico, D. F. This is a used car dealer firm; VEGA has recently purchased 16,000 pesos worth of spare parts from this firm. The owner of the firm has an interesting background. Rafael LECHUGA Ruiz, DFCB: 24 November 1906, Mexico City, was suspected of being a Nazi agent in Guadalajara, Jalisco, in 1943. He was pro-Nazi in sympathy. On 12 May 1945, the District Judge of Guadalajara issued an order for his arrest for the embezzlement of 7,000 pesos received in payment for cigarette lighters which he failed to deliver. LECHUGA reportedly paid a 4,000 peso bribe on 16 May 1945, and thus avoided detention. In 1945, he was engaged in smuggling automobiles out of the United States in violation of the Export Control Act. Customs agents in Laredo seized a 1942 Cadillac which he had endeavored to bring into Mexico without a permit. LECHUGA did succeed in smuggling a 1946 Chrysler into Mexico without a permit.

The delivery boy from Casa Lechuga is a Negro. He could possibly be the Fnu FICHARDO with whom VEGA deals very frequently.

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(10) ~~F~~MORA CEPEDA, Dolores de la: (201-), Mexican newspaper woman from Guadalajara. This is a strange case indeed. Subject and Rogelio RODRIGUEZ Lopez make arrangements to meet her clandestinely and other members of the Cuban diplomatic mission meet her overtly. As a matter of fact, she is frequently seen visiting the Cuban Embassy. She is a crass opportunist and notorious name-dropper, but VEGA seems to handle her very proficiently.

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(11) ~~F~~BOLORZANO (widow of) RAMIREZ, Cory: (201-). This individual is the sister-in-law of General Lazaro CARDENAS del RIO. She is accorded VIP treatment by VEGA, and they appear to be very close friends. On one occasion, VEGA literally chewed out another Embassy staffer for having failed to deliver a message from Cory to him. VEGA frequently escorts her to her automobile when she visits the Embassy. She is a crony of Teresa FROENZA Proenza.

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(12) ~~F~~VARGAS, Manuel (Professor): (201-). No identifiable Station traces. He appears to be a regular contact of Subject. He recently apologized for having neglected to contact Subject in more than a month, and at the same time he indicated that it was urgent that he see Subject immediately.

(13) ~~F~~LLATA de la LLATA, Manuel de la (Dr.): (201-). He resides at Mariano Escobedo 724, Apartment 703, Mexico City, telephone 29-83-21. He is a thoracic surgeon and it is believed that he was one of the doctors recruited by the Cuban Embassy to go to Cuba. He is an official of the

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Mexican Society of Friendship with People's China (MSFPC) and a member of Mexico's official Marxist Party, Popular Socialist Party (PPS).

(14) ^RMEJIA Ricart, Marco (Dr.): (201-135362)

(15) ²⁰¹FAQUILERA, Ernesto: (201-). Co-manager of Agencia General de Cargo Aereo, S. A. This company is a cargo agent for Cubana de Aviacion.

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d. ~~KNOWN ASSASSIN~~ (other than Cuban or Mexican):

- (1) ~~CASSELL, Sam~~: (Central or South American accent.) Appears to be one of VERA's agents. Telephone contact limited to verification of assignments, same time, same place. (1963)
- (2) ~~RODRIGUEZ Flores, Roberto~~: IRUB - 9 September 1961, Guzman, Tlaxcala, applied for training in Cuba.
- (3) ~~GUERRA Abenamar, Sam~~: Chilean national who disagreed with VERA the plan to send "talagatos" to Cuba. The term "talagato" seems to be double-talk for "trainees". (1963)
- (4) ~~RAVERA, Sam (Dr.)~~: Nicaraguan national. (1963)
- (5) ~~UNIVERSITY SUBJECT~~: With South American accent, makes clandestine contact arrangements to meet VERA. They seem to have alternate meeting sites. In one case, this person, who is probably one of VERA's agents, is instructed to be at site No. 1 at 0730 hours. (May, 1963)
- (6) ~~CASILLAS Flores, Leonardo~~: Guatemalan Communist, FGT member. Involved in Communist arm smuggling in 1960.
- (7) ~~ONEZ, Ruben~~: Colombian. One of the Trainees on his way to Cuba. (1963)
- (8) ~~MARTINEZ, Victor~~: South American. A VERA contact. Apologized for calling him on the phone but requests contact for 10 A.M. (August, 1963)
- (9) ~~GUERRERO, Victor Manuel~~: 201-66248. Guatemalan Communist. One of the most important contacts of VERA. Most of the meetings that source has reported are arranged clandestinely. GUERRERO uses Dr. Alvarez as an alias when contacting VERA and their meeting site is usually referred to as "el consultorio". Victor Manuel GUERRERO recently did some work for VERA at the University of Guadalajara.

The following meetings, recorded by source, were held on the dates indicated during a one-year period:

16 July 1962	24 April 1963
28 August 1962	16 May 1963
9 November 1962	6 June 1963
28 November 1962	8 June 1963
29 March 1963	22 June 1963
6 April 1963	16 July 1963

It is interesting to note that GUERRERO, who also used to meet Dr. Victor FURAZA (201-94167), Czech diplomat, clandestinely, used to refer to himself as Lic. ALVAREZ when requesting a meeting.

GUERRERO very frequently uses an open code when communicating with VERA. For example: El chico means trainee; Angelica means Bayardo; Consultorio means meeting site.

- (10) ~~FERRAZO Segura, Judith~~: (201-42359) Costa Rican Communist. She is a notorious activist and Partido Vanguardia Popular (Costa Rican Communist Party) representative in Mexico. (19 September 1963)

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- (1) ~~RODRIGUEZ~~ Lopez, Rogelio: (201-32665) DOI official. Subject and ~~RODRIGUEZ~~ complement each other operationally.
- (2) ~~RODRIGUEZ~~ Mendoza, Oscar: (201-729530) DOI official.
- (3) ~~RODRIGUEZ~~ Montoto, Ramon Cesar: (201-328945) DOI official.
- (4) ~~RODRIGUEZ~~ CASTELLAR Sanchez, Benigno Carlos: (201-728889) Former Cuban Commercial Attache in Mexico. Identified as DSE officer.

2. ~~FOUR~~ ~~EMBASSY~~ ~~CONTACTS~~

- ~~KAZANTSEV~~, Boris Alekandrovich: (201-26975) Soviet Embassy Counselor.
Known contact between Subject and KAZANTSEV on 9 May 1963. RUS officer.

B. INCOMPLETE NAMES AND UNIDENTIFIED CONTACTS

The following contacts, consist of incomplete names which the Station has been unable to identify. They are listed here because they seem to be of some significance:

- (1) Manual - Conversation as follows: "Will wait for you at prearranged site;" (1963)
- (2) Eduardo - The gist of Eduardo's comments when making contact with Subject are as follows: Subject replies to Eduardo's request for news by saying that he has no news. VEGA will tell Eduardo to meet him at a specific site for a talk. (1963)
- (3) Guillermo - This individual has the following message for VEGA, "news of yesterday" (See MEXI-5052, 17 June 1963).
- (4) Sanchez - A person with a Central or South American accent who limits his conversation with Subject by stating that "our friend" arrived last night.
- (5) One of the most interesting, unsolved calls was received on May 13, 1963. On this occasion, a man with a Mexican accent contacted Subject and the following conversation transpired:

Maxican - Of the devices that we had pending we have one of the special ones.

VEGA - When can you deliver? Can we have it today if possible?

Mexican - I will have it ready for you within half an hour.

VENA - Good, I will wait for you at the same place as the other day at 10 minutes past 10.

Mexican - In the cinema scope?

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Comment: This is the total extent of the conversation. The caller indicated at the beginning of the conversation that he was calling from a public telephone and requested immediate contact with VERA. (May 1963)

- (6) Odell called Subject and when she found out that he was not available left the following message: "Call before you come to the house; I am working at the school. If you do call in the morning, call before 9 a.m. If you call in the afternoon, call before nightfall. It is urgent that I communicate with you." (December 1962)
- (7) Ingeniero Gonzalez - This person is a contact of VERA but due to the common name it is impossible to identify him any further. (1964)
- (8) Senor Ruiz - This person is a contact of VERA who is from Acapulco, Guerrero, Mexico. As in the case of Gonzalez, it is almost impossible to identify Ruiz due to the common name. (1964)
- (9) Senor Caffero - This person is another contact of VERA. A search of Station indices does not reveal any traces. (1964)
- (10) El Profesor - This individual appears to be a contact not only of VERA but also of Rogelio RODRIGUEZ. (1964)
- (11) TOVAR, fnu - The station has been unable to identify this person. He either lives or works on Avenida Coyoacán, Mexico City. (1963)
- (12) DUARTE, Denny - The Station has had no luck in identifying this individual. He is obviously not a Mexican, judging from his Caribbean type Spanish accent, but no factual identifiable information is available at present. (1963)
- (13) ACOSTA, Julio - Recent contacts which began in late July 1964 and continue to the present. The only possible lead that the Station has concerning this individual is contained in HQA-21497, dated 7 June 1965.

19. MODUS OPERANDI:

The following facts concerning Subject's modus operandi were culled from information available to the Station:

- a. Subject's contacts use assumed Christian names in arranging contacts (i.e., Guillermo, Alfredo, et cetera), as well as professional titles, (i.e., the doctor, the lawyer, etc.).
- b. Subject has alternate meeting sites. In one agent's case, he seemed to have 4 (i.e., sitio 1, et cetera).
- c. At least one agent identifies himself by number (i.e., Agent 17 speaking).
- d. Subject's agents use open code when seeking contact by telephone.
- e. In at least one case, the agent has apologized for having resorted to telephone contact, so apparently some agents have been cautioned not to call him at the Embassy.
- f. HABA-12563 has interesting details concerning Cuban M. O. for infiltrating people into Cuba.
- g. All people going to Cuba, legally or illegally, must first contact Subject. He takes biographic data and sends it to Cuba for name checking. This name checking procedure normally takes 15 days.

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- h. Authorizations for free air travel to Cuba are signed by Subject and addressed to Jorge L. ROJAS, Mexican Chief of Cubana de Aviación. The Station has on file one of these authorizations, which also reflects a sample of VIDA's signature.
- i. There are indications that important clandestine calls into the Embassy are made from public pay telephones.
- j. Subject and Rogelio RODRIGUEZ Lopez seem to complement each other in Cuban intelligence operations in Mexico. If one is unable to make a contact or take a telephone call the other will substitute.
- k. See OTTA-1602 for organizational details of Cuban Intelligence.

20. OPERATIONAL PLANNING DATA

a. for access:

- (1) current residence: A review of Station material indicates that Subject no longer resides at the Hotel Agnes and now seems to be permanently installed at the Cuban Embassy compound. The Cuban Embassy is located at Francisco Marquez 160, Colonia Condesa, Mexico City. In late 1963 Subject gave the following address in Cuba where he could be reached during his absence from Mexico - Calle 11, Number 306 between A and Ferrera Lawton, Havana, telephone no. 99-42-82. This is apparently an unlisted telephone number, since a check of the Havana reversed telephone listing failed to show the subscriber's identity.
- (2) telephone numbers: 14-92-14, 14-13-26, 23-07-95.
- (3) automobile: In 1962, Subject most frequently used a 1959 Buick registered in the name of the Cuban Embassy, Mexico City. Throughout the entire year of 1963, Subject used most frequently a 1962 Plymouth that had Consular tags #27. This automobile is registered to the Consulate General of Cuba. Beginning in August 1963, Subject was using, infrequently at first, and more frequently as time went on, a 1957 Chevrolet with diplomatic tags 165, which in 1963 was registered in the name of Ramon Sinoas, First Secretary, Cuban Embassy.
- (4) current pattern of daily activity: It is rather difficult to discern any definite pattern in Subject's daily activities. A detailed study of LITAMIL production for approximately one year indicated that Subject left the Embassy about three times a week using automobile C-27. He would depart at about 10 a.m. and return at noon. It is believed that these times coincide with the arrival of Cubana de Aviación flights from Cuba. There has been a noticeable decline in Subject's telephonic contact with strictly overt and clandestine contacts since November 1963.
- (5) usable contacts - LITAMIL/7, and LITAMIL/9. Handwriting samples and voice samples of Subject are on file at the Station to be used for further operational planning against Subject.

21. OPERATIONAL STEPS TO BE CARRIED OUT IN NEXT YEAR

To be determined by Station's operations officer in charge of Cuban operations.

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